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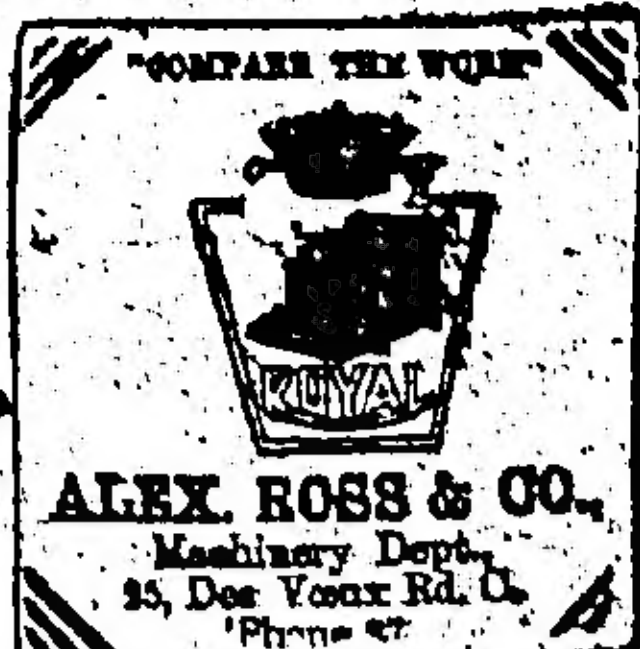
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COMPANY MEETING.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The thirty-sixth ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited, was held in the offices of Messrs. Shaw, Tomes and Company, Limited, this morning, at 11 p.m.

Mr. R. G. Shewan presided and there were present Messrs. J. W. C. Bonnar, G. W. Barton and J. H. Wallace (Consulting Committee), Mr. W. J. Hawker, A.C.I.S. (Secretary), and Messrs. G. Grimble, C. Kinloch, M. S. Northcote, E. J. Geddes, R. Henderson and A. A. Cordeiro.

The Chairman—Gentlemen, it now being past the hour for which this meeting was called, I will now call upon the Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting.

The Secretary then read the notice.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, the report has been in your hands for some days, and, unless you desire it, I will not read it now. I am sorry we have not a better statement to lay before you, but the slackness in demand for rope, mentioned by your Chairman last year, was only accentuated as the year went on, while, as you know, exchange steadily rose to heights never dreamt of and ruined all our chances of a reasonable profit on our sales to gold using countries. Prices of hemp, too, ruled high, and, except for a slightly weaker freight market everything was against us.

As for the future, the price of hemp, like that of other commodities, will no doubt keep high, but this does not matter so much to us and if that were all we could put up with it as we have done before. It is simply exchange that is crushing us at present, and unfortunately there seems little hope as yet of more favourable rates. No doubt the situation will adjust itself in time, but as things are now are greatly handicapped in competition with cordage manufacturers in gold countries. As for our Accounts, there is only one thing I need point out and that is, as you will notice, our investments are not given in detail as before.

This is done at the suggestion of our auditors, who tell us that it is the usual and most correct form. It is obvious that in the case of investments in local stocks it is not desirable to publish too much information, but we have no wish to keep anything back from shareholders and I have a list of our investments here for any shareholder to see. The bonus to staff will doubtless meet with your approval but I may mention that provident accounts on the usual terms will be kept with the members of the staff in future. I now propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed, and that we—

Place to Reserve Fund—\$10,000.00
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and a Final Dividend of \$1—per Share—60,000.00
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After that has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions from shareholders.

Mr. G. Grimble—I have much pleasure in seconding.

The Chairman—Gentlemen, it has been proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Grimble that the report and accounts as presented be adopted. There being no questions I now put the motion before the meeting. For-Against—carried—unanimously.

The Chairman—Gentlemen, the next business before the meeting is the re-election to the consulting committee of Mr. G. W. Barton, Mr. J. H. Wallace and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar.

Mr. J. H. Wallace and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, be re-elected to the consulting committee.

Mr. M. S. Northcote—I have much pleasure in seconding that Mr. J. H. Wallace, Mr. G. W. Barton and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, be re-elected to the consulting committee.

The Chairman—Gentlemen, it has been proposed by Mr. Northcote that Mr. G. W. Barton, Mr. J. H. Wallace and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar be re-elected to the consulting committee. Those in favour—For-Against—carried—unanimously.

The Chairman—Gentlemen, the next business before the meeting is the election of auditors.

Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar—I beg to propose that Messrs. F. Maitland and H. Percy Smith be re-elected, as auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$350 each.

Mr. G. W. Barton—I have much pleasure in seconding.

The Chairman—Gentlemen, it has been proposed by Mr. Bonnar and seconded by Mr. Barton that Messrs. F. Maitland and H. Percy Smith be re-elected as auditors to this Company for the forthcoming year at a remuneration of \$350 each. Those in favour kindly hold up their

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

St. Joseph's College who are due to re-play the Hongkong Football Club on the coming Saturday, in connection with the semifinal of the Hongkong Football "Shield" competition, will play a practice match against the "Hawkins" team at the Naval Yard this evening. A very interesting game is promised.

With the absence of H.M.S. "Carlisle" and the pending departure of H.M.S. "Hawkins," coupled with the fact that H.M.S. "Ambrose" is in quarantine, owing to several cases of mumps having occurred on board, the United Services Football League has been badly disorganised.

As practically all the other teams in the league have already completed their fixtures, the competition is suspended for the present, and it is doubtful if it will be completed at all, as both the "Hawkins" and the "Carlisle" are scheduled for a long absence from this port.

For the same reason, the Hongkong "Shield" Competition, in which five teams, viz: Hongkong Football Club, St. Joseph's, "Hawkins," "Ambrose" and the Hongkong Police, are still in the running, is also disorganised. We understand that in this case however, rather than spoil the competition, the two Naval teams concerned, have very sportingly decided to withdraw from the competition.

If this rumour is true, the three remaining teams—the Club, St. Joseph's and the Police—will have to decide between themselves who are to have the custody of the shield until next season.

The Police who have played only one match, and have received a couple of byes, have now, by virtue of a walk-over from the "Ambrose," got into the final of the competition, and will have to meet the winners of the Club-St. Joseph's replay, for the championship honours.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The s.s. "Hanyang," Capt. Owen, sailed for Hankow at 9 a.m. to-day.

The s.s. "Drufar," Capt. Oiser, sailed for Hongay at 10.30 a.m. to-day.

The s.s. "Sinkiang," Capt. Barkus, sailed for Shanghai, at noon to-day with 1,400 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Nam Sang," Capt. Liddell, sailed for Kobe via Moji at 7 a.m. to-day with 800 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Genpei Maru," Capt. Hada, 1168 tons, arrived yesterday at 10.30 a.m. from Muko with 2738 tons of coal.

The s.s. "Dumera," Capt. Walker, sailed for Bombay via Singapore, at 6 a.m. to-day with 2,900 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Circus Shell," Capt. Griffiths, 1,792 tons, arrived yesterday at 12 noon from Nagasaki with 460 tons of liquid fuel.

The s.s. "Yuet Sheng," Capt. Lathovetsky, 394 tons, arrived yesterday at 5 p.m. from Swatow with 300 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Thong Samud," Capt. Chien Outrananda, 1088 tons, arrived yesterday at 6 p.m. from Saigon with 1800 tons of rice and gervol cargo.

The s.s. "Kaijo Maru," Capt. M. Kimura, 1126.19 tons, arrived yesterday at 10 a.m. from Swatow with 1164 tons of general cargo and 33 bags of mail.

CRICKET.

C. R. C. V. C. C. C.

In the above match to be played in the latter's ground at Happy Valley, on Saturday, the following will represent the C. R. C.—Ng Sze Kwong (Capt.), Un Hew Fan, Wong Lee's Son, Shin Man Ping, Wong Kwok Kwong, H. Ching, Geo. Lee, Ho Wing Kin, Lo Man Pan, J. Wong and Choa Man Ping.

Capt. Chien Outrananda of the s.s. "Thong Samud" (Royal Siamese Navy) sighted a sunken fishing junk in front of the Ladrone Island.

Hands—For-Against—carried unanimously, gentlemen.

The Chairman—That is all the business gentlemen and I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants are now ready.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(BEFORE MR. H. P. J. GOMPERTZ).

ARMED ROBBERY.

Four Chinese were indicted for robbery. One pleaded guilty, both to the charge of robbery, and to that of receiving stolen property.

The Crown Solicitor, Mr. G. H. Wakeman, prosecuted, and the prisoners were undefended.

The following jury were empanelled: Messrs. A. D. Slark, W. Goldenberg, V. C. Rosario, B. M. C. da Cunha, G. H. Gibson, H. W. Ramsay and Wong Kam Fuk.

Mr. Wakeman said that the robbery in question took place at No. 178 Canton Road, on February 16, 11 Po, the master of a goldsmith's shop, would say that he and five of his folks were in the shop when five Chinese appeared. They were armed with revolvers and daggers, and stole gold beads, gold mounted rattan bangles, a gold watch and chain and \$50 in money.

Evidence was then taken, after which the jury found the accused guilty and a sentence of five years' imprisonment and ten strokes of the "cat" was inflicted upon each of the accused.

(BEFORE MR. J. F. WOOD).

MANSLAUGHTER.

Un Kai was indicted for the manslaughter of a Chinese.

The prosecution was conducted by the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Attorney-General. The prisoner was undefended.

The following jury were empanelled: Messrs. H. W. Pare, H. E. Maslin, R. A. Ramsay, A. Mackenzie, A. Germain, L. G. Remedios and D. E. de Souza.

Mr. Kemp said that the facts were that the prisoner, at 3 p.m. on February 24, at a house in First Street, asked a little boy of 13 years to go out and pawn a cap for him. The boy refused. A little later, another man (the deceased) asked the same boy to go out and pawn a jacket.

The boy agreed, and went away with the jacket. This naturally incensed the prisoner, and when the boy was returning with the money for the deceased, he (the prisoner) hit him and chased him away. The boy returned a little later and gave the deceased the money, also telling him of the beating he had received. The deceased remonstrated with the prisoner. There was a quarrel, first in the house and then in the street.

The prisoner got on a big bamboo pole and hit the deceased on the head, and the deceased ran into a shop and obtained a broom. In spite of his having the broom, the deceased was punished by the prisoner. The deceased had his skull fractured, and, later, he died of the injury. The prisoner's plea, both at the Police Station and the Magistracy, was self defence.

The jury found the accused guilty and a sentence of nine months' was passed.

PICKPOCKET AND LIAR.

At the Magistracy, before Mr. Irving this morning, a Chinese was charged on remand, with picking the pocket of a compatriot near the monument outside Wanchai Market, and stealing two cents. He denied the charge, and said the money fell from the complainant's pocket, and as he bent down to pick it up and return it to the complainant, a detective came up and accused him of pocket picking.

The detective said the complainant who was watching some acrobats near the monument, did not know his pocket had been picked until witness called his attention to it. Witness saw the defendant put his hand in the complainant's pocket and extract the money.

At the previous hearing, the defendant said he would like to call his employer to give evidence as to his character. The case was adjourned for the defendant to produce his employer, but he failed to do so.

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INTIMATIONS.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above Club will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Ltd., Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, on the 23rd of March, 1930, at 5.15 p.m. to consider the financial position of the Club and other matters as detailed in the notice posted in the Club premises at Happy Valley, Fanning and Jockey Water Bay.

NOTICE is also hereby given that at the same time and place certain Resolutions as detailed in the notice posted at the Club premises at Happy Valley, Fanning and Jockey Water Bay, will be proposed an Extraordinary Resolutions. Should they or some of them be passed they will be submitted for confirmation at a special meeting to be held at the Club premises at Happy Valley, Fanning and Jockey Water Bay, on the 27th of March, 1930.

By Order of the Committee.
L. S. GREENHILL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, March 12, 1930.

HONGKONG CHINESE RECREATION CLUB.

The Annual
TENNIS TOURNAMENT
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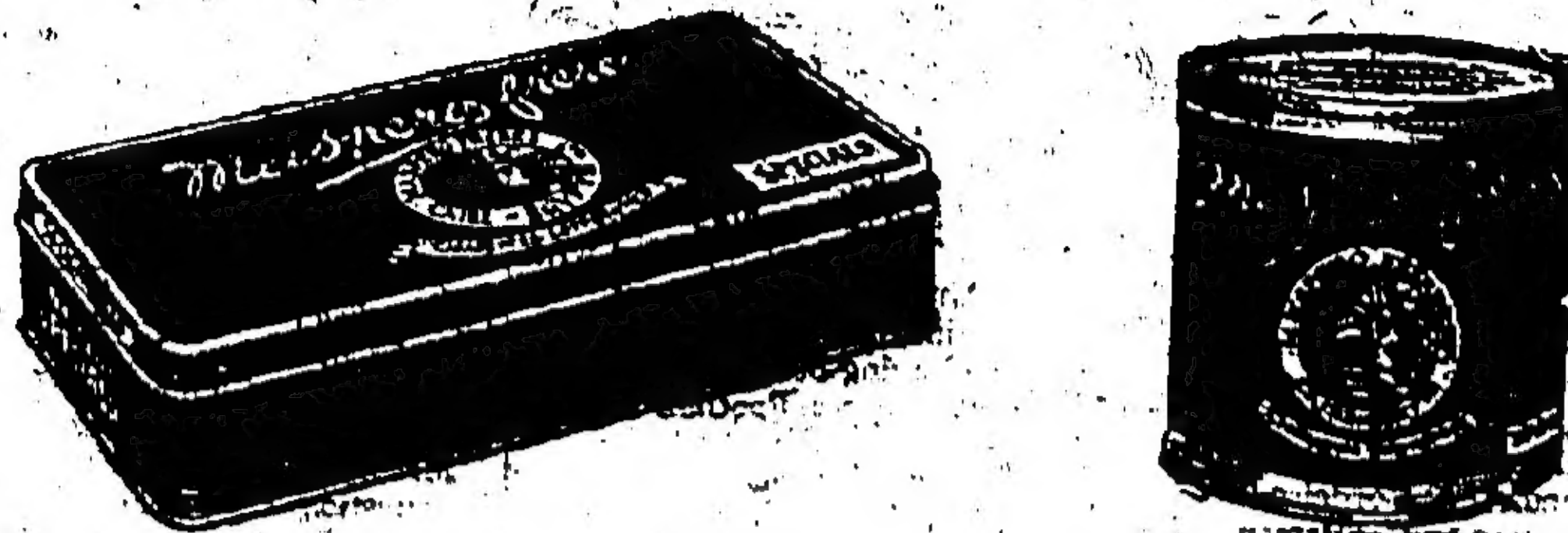
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The chairman said:—
Gentlemen, including the sum of Tls. 49,890.40 brought forward from the preceding year, the balance at credit of profit and loss account is Tls. 460,958.72.

The profit for 1919 was Tls. 411,069.32, against Tls. 174,373.57 in the preceding year, and the best on record since 1907, and I venture to hope that we shall continue to enjoy greater prosperity in the future than in recent times. Your directors trust that you will approve the payment of a dividend of Tls. 850 per share. With the increasing cost of labour and material, it is most desirable that the sum of Tls. 50,000 should be set aside for ordinary repairs and renewals during the current year. It is also considered advisable to create a special repairs and renewals fund with Tls. 50,000, to partly provide for the reconstruction of some of the very old buildings, etc., which may require replacement in the near future. I may say that a considerable proportion of this sum is already earmarked for sundry purposes, the chief of which is rebuilding transit sheds 65 and 66 at Hongkong Wharf.

As our buildings, wharves and floating property stand in the books at very low figures, it is proposed to adhere to the long standing arrangement that no depreciation be provided, but however, it may be our book value, we are still, continued, and I trust you will agree to the appropriation of Tls. 25,000 to a depreciation fund, which can be made available to write off assets, when their useful life has come to an end.

STAFF REORGANIZATION.
The creation of a provident fund for our European staff with Tls. 62,478.86 will, I am sure, appeal to you—subject to your approval, this will be made retrospective to May 1, 1917, for those entitled to participate and conform with the data on which my firm inaugurated a similar fund. Under the proposed scheme the staff will contribute 5 per cent. of their salaries and the same amount will be provided by the company, while the company will allow interest at 7 per cent. per annum, computed half yearly, on the amount standing at the credit of each participant. The proposed bonus to the European staff of Tls. 4,918.03 will permit the payment of 10 per cent. on the salaries for 1919.

and I trust it will have your sanction as from my personal knowledge of the services rendered to the company, I can assure you that the staff richly deserve this recognition of their hard and conscientious work.

DEBENTURED AND PROPERTY SALES.

During the year Tls. 22,500 worth of debentures were purchased at a discount and the profit thereon together with that on the debentures (Tls. 37,900) brought in 1917 and 1918, appears to the accounts—all the redeemed debentures have been cancelled and will not be resold. As you will have noticed we received Tls. 631,808.70 for sale of property and an old godown during 1919. The greater part of these proceeds have been and are still on fixed deposit at various banks and accounts for the substantial earning in respect of interest.

We have disposed of Middle (B.C. Lot 7385) and North (B.C. Lot 5573) Tungksao Wharves at what our directors considered satisfactory prices and we are prepared to dispose of North Tungksao when we can do so at a reasonable figure. The loss of the Tungksao Wharves should not materially affect our earning power as the funds derived from the sales thereof are being rapidly made use of to develop our other properties.

The amount of accounts receivable is larger than usual, owing to the proceeds of the balance (Tls. 225,000) of the sale price of North Tungksao Wharf having been paid to us in a 10-10-10 Native Order on December 31—needless to say, this was collected prior to the transfer of the property.

The balance of the Tls. 75,639.55 expended in 1917 on special repairs and renewals has, you will observe, now been worked off.

TRADE AND TARIFFS.

The number of vessels berthed at our wharves during 1919 was 151 in excess of 1918, and exceeded that of any year since 1914, the principal increase being in coasting steamers released from war service. During the second half of the year we were fully employed and at times were unable to cope with all the business offered to us. Labour troubles broke out in July, all classes of coolies being very scarce, but prompt measures were taken to handle the situation, and by allowing increased wages, together with the loyal co-operation of our permanent staff, no steamer was seriously delayed at our wharves. In conjunction with other wharf owners our tariff for steamers and home cargo was raised 15 per cent. in September to reimburse us for higher coolie wages and other increasing charges, and on January 1 a revised tariff was issued.

The new dwellings for the Chinese staff at Hongkong were completed early in the year and are greatly appreciated. At Hongkong a three-story godown of reinforced concrete construction has been erected to re-

place a very old building of one floor. Our West Pootung property is being fully developed with the purchase of two new pontoons and the erection of a very large transit shed and a three-story reinforced concrete godown, also, with the transfer of a corrugated iron shed from South Tungksao.

WHARF DEVELOPMENTS.

The present wharf staging at East Pootung is in very bad condition and will be replaced with an "up-to-date" built-out to the normal line—this will also be a bunding that will reclaim some 25 mow of land—this will provide open-air space that is much needed and later on it may be found necessary to erect a large transit shed to rapidly handle cargo. The new wharf will be built in three sections and will take two years to complete, meanwhile with the additional accommodation available at West Pootung we should not be handicapped in catering for the requirements of our customers. At Old Wharf, which we propose to build a two-story house on the front, the lower floor will be used as offices and the upper provide a residence for the manager as the old offices and quarters are in a dilapidated condition. Also a three-story reinforced concrete godown to relieve the congestion at that wharf.

The total cost of our development scheme will approximate the outlay of approximately Tls. 1,000,000 during 1920 and 1921, but your directors feel that the expenditure is fully justified in view of the increased and increasing trade of this port. When the wharf at East Pootung is completed we shall have 5,500 ft. of wharf and 100,000 sq. ft. of wharf and portion frontage for handling steamers irrespective of South Tungksao, which, as I have already mentioned, we desire to sell.

AN ENCOURAGING OUTLOOK.

With regard to future prospects you will doubtless be pleased to hear that we have made an exceptionally good start this year and the outlook generally is encouraging. In January we purchased now 1,646 at Hongkong Wharf, which we have rented for many years, and the cost will appear in this year's accounts. Electric light is being installed throughout Hunt's, Hongkong and Old Nungpo Wharves and it is anticipated that work will be accelerated thereby. From the details I have given it will be apparent to you that your directors are fully alive to the necessity of moving with the times and of providing efficient services of our supporters. Competition, other than we already have, may arise in future years, but I can assure you that for any concern to acquire suitable property and erect the necessary wharves and godowns would be a very costly undertaking, so much so that a reasonable return on the capital involved could not be earned on the current wharf tariff.

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FRIDAY,
March 19, 1920, at 10:30 a.m.,
at their Sales Rooms, No. 5,
Des Voeux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street.

SUNDAY FURNITURE, &c.,
(Removed to Sales Rooms for Con-
venience of Sale).
New Rain Coats,
Typewriters,
and Flannels, &c. &c.

Terms:—Cash.

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Hongkong, March 17, 1920.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),
ON
TUESDAY,
March 23, 1920, commencing at 2:30
p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 5,
Des Voeux Road, Corner of
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A Small Consignment of
HOUSEHOLD LINENS, &c.,
Comprising:—
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Covers, Crochet and Drawwork Doilies.

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Two Travelling bags and Suit Cases.
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Tables, and Chairs, Washstands,
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boards, Dinner Waggon, Extension Din-
ing Tables and Chairs, &c., Dinner
Services, Crockery, and Glass Ware,
Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, &c., Bath
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Electric Reading Lamps, Blackwood
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The Charge of Admission will be
\$1.00 for others than Members of the
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Soldiers and Sailors in uniform Half
Price.

The Committee invite the Ladies of
Hongkong to be present.

Hongkong, March 15, 1920.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT
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THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
SHAREHOLDERS in the Company
will be held at the Office of the Com-
pany, St. George's Building, Chater
Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATUR-
DAY, the 20th day of March, 1920,
at 11:30 o'clock in the forenoon for the
purpose of receiving a Statement of
Accounts and the Report of the Directors
for the year ending 31st December,
1919 and declaring a Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
THURSDAY, the 11th March, 1920,
until SATURDAY, the 20th March,
1920, both days inclusive.

By Order of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Hongkong, March 6, 1920.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
SHAREHOLDERS of the above Com-
pany will be held at the Office of the
General Agents, Pedder's Street, on
WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, at
11:30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving
the Report and Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December, 1919.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from the
10th to 24th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, March 4, 1920.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN
AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS in the Company
will be held at the Office of the Com-
pany, St. George's Building, No. 6
Connaught Road on SATURDAY,
the 27th March, 1920, at 11 a.m. for
the purpose of receiving a Statement
of Accounts and the Report of the
General Managers for the year ending
31st December, 1919, and electing a
Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
SATURDAY, the 20th March, 1920,
until SATURDAY, the 27th March,
1920, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES, & CO.
General Managers.
Hongkong, March 10, 1920.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA
DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING of Shareholders will be
held in the Office of the Company, 2
Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on
SATURDAY, 27th March, 1920, at
Noon, for consideration of the Direc-
tors' Report and Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December,
1919.

The SHARE REGISTER and
TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED
from the 19th to the 27th March, 1920,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, March 15, 1920.

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road will be CLOSED to VEHICLE
TRAFFIC between Nos. 2 Police Station
and Head Street, from 12 Noon, on
WEDNESDAY, the 17th inst.

E. D. C. WOLFE,
Captain Superintendent of Police.
Hongkong, March 15, 1920.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE.

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A NEW CLASS for "BEGINNERS"
will commence on MONDAY,
5th April, 1920, if sufficient support be
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Application for enrolment and en-
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etc., should be made to the undersigned
as early as possible.

By Order,
E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 15, 1920.

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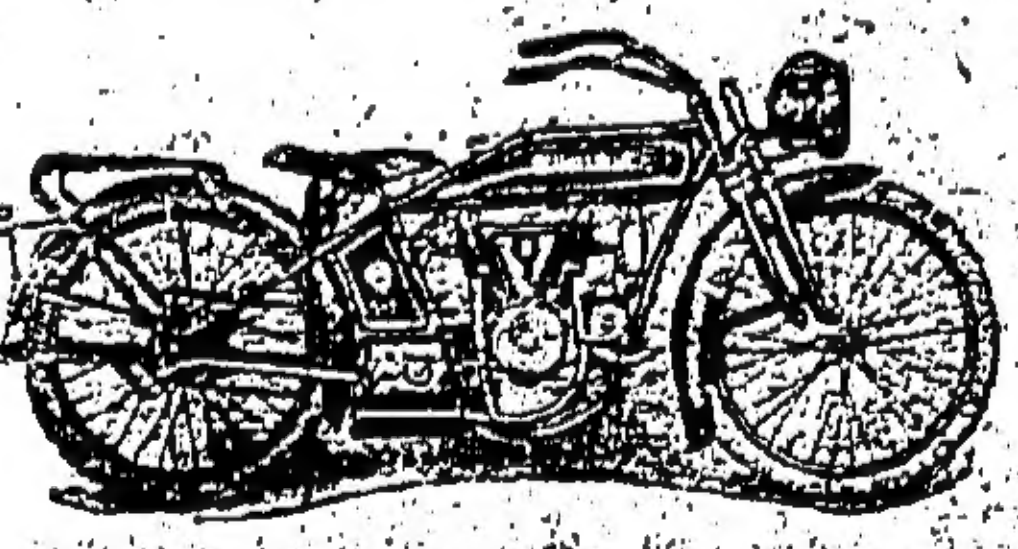
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From NEW YORK.

THE Steamship

"SWAZI"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo
are informed, that all Goods
are being landed at their risk
into the Godowns and/or extra-
hazardous Godowns of Holt's
Wharf, Kowloon, whence delivery may
be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after
the goods have left the Godowns, and
all goods remaining undelivered after
12th March will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must
be presented to the Undersigned on or
before March 20th, 1920, or
they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Godowns
where they will be examined on any
Tuesdays & Fridays between the hours
of 10.45 a.m. and noon, within the
free storage period.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.
General Agents.
Hongkong, March 4, 1920.

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From MIDDLESBRO, LONDON
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THE Steamship

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CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby
informed that all Goods are being
landed at their risk into the Godowns
and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of
the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf
and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or
from the wharves delivery may be
obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the
23rd inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer
must be presented to the Undersigned
on or before the 30th inst., or
they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on the
23rd inst., at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned
by
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
Agents.
Hongkong, March 17, 1920.

MINERAL WEALTH OF
THE EMPIRE.

Sir Richard Rodnayne has given
some very interesting information
concerning the Imperial Mineral
Resources Bureau. He stated that at
the Imperial War Conference held in
1917 it was agreed to set up such a
Bureau for collecting information
from the appropriate departments of
the Governments concerned and from
other sources regarding the mineral
resources and metal requirements of
the Empire, and for advising what
action, if any, might be desirable to
enable such resources to be developed
and made available to meet require-
ments. The composition of the
Bureau was completed at the end of
July, 1918; the governors number 14:
there are five Dominion representa-
tives, one for India, one nominated by
the Secretary for the Colonies, and
six members, eminent in mining and
metallurgy, appointed by the Lord
President of the Council. Earl Curzon,
who occupied that office during the
formation of the Bureau, is its
president. Sir Richard Rodnayne is
chairman, and represents the United
Kingdom on the Board. There are
four standing committees of the govern-
ments, dealing respectively with in-
telligence and publications, research and
developments, general purposes and
finance, and legal matters. The offices
are at 2, Queen Anne's Gate Build-
ings, Westminster, where an expert
and secretarial staff is constantly at
work. The cost of running the
Bureau is met out of an allowance of
£10,000 per annum contributed by
the British Government, and by con-
tributions from the Dominion Govern-
ments and India, which is expected
will amount to another £10,000 per
annum. Sir Richard stated that an
immense amount of valuable work is
being done throughout the Empire to
obtain information; much of this, how-
ever, has been practically inaccessible
hitherto in quarters where it was
most needed. The need, for the
Bureau is all the more pressing owing
to the wide geographical distribution
of the Empire and the distances
separating its component parts. The
development of the Empire's mineral
resources has so far lacked co-ordina-
tion and control. This will soon be
a matter of the past, for the Bureau
will foster and safeguard these resources
and promote the welfare of related
industries. It is engaged on an ex-
tensive system of classification of the
Empire's mineral wealth, and is on the
eve of publishing a digest of statisti-
cal and general information relative
thereto. It has framed suggestions for
a uniform system throughout the
Empire of collecting and publishing
intelligence regarding minerals. While
watching and encouraging research and
carrying out investigations with the
object of improving current processes
and introducing new ones, the Bureau,
generally speaking, does not itself
engage in the work of research and
development, though it has the power
to do so should it be deemed advis-
able. In regard to intelligence and
publications, research and develop-
ments, 16 committees have been set
up who have mapped out an extensive
field of work, the accomplishment of
which will be far-reaching. The object
of these committees is the closer link-
ing up of the Bureau with the respec-
tive mineral and metal industries of
the Empire. The Bureau is also now
engaging in the formation of an index
of technical information and the estab-
lishment of a working library; it is
already daily employed in supplying
information to many enquirers. It is
confidently anticipated, in the words
of Sir Richard, that within a very short
time the Bureau will have been the
means of so developing the mineral
resources of the Empire, that the
Dominions, as well as the Mother
Country, will not fail to realize that
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HONNIBALL.—At Shanghai, on March 7, to Mr. and Mrs. G. Honniball, a daughter.

GREY.—On February 29, at Mouk-Gen, Manchuria, to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Grey, a daughter.

HATHERLY.—On March 5, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hatherly, a daughter.

COBBETT.—On March 11, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan M. Cobbett, a daughter.

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MARRIAGES.

MARKS-KILPATRICK.—On January 15, at Glasgow, Samuel Marks, Shanghai, to Catherine MacDonald Kilpatrick, of Inver-keip.

WHELOCK-GRIMMER.—On February 24, at St. John, New Brunswick, G. M. Whelock, of Shanghai, to Lois Grimmer, of St. John.

DEATHS.

DUSSELDORP.—On March 4, at Shanghai, Maurice Dusseldorp, of "L'Eclair Franco-Chinoise."

WILLIAMS.—On March 8, at Shanghai, Rosine Maie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams (Chinese Maritime Customs), aged 4 years and 10 months.

ARTINDALE.—On March 10, at Shanghai, Violet May Artindale, aged 14 years.

WILLIAMS.—On March 7, at Shanghai, George B. Williams, commercial manager, J. H. and C. K. Eagle, Inc., aged 45 years.

DREYSE.—On March 8, at Shanghai, Helene Marie, aged 13 months, from pneumonia.

MIDDLETON.—On March 5, at Worthing, England, Selome Elizabeth, the wife of Osborne Middleton, Esq., late of Shanghai.

ANDERSEN.—On March 11, at Shanghai, P. E. Andersen, late second officer, s.s. "Irene" (China Merchants' Steam Navigation Co.), aged 35 years.

DAVIE.—On March 11, at Shanghai, Chito Davie, aged 49, mother of Mr. Robert Davie of Shanghai.

The China Mail.

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1920.

POLITICIANS ARE MEN.

The manager of the Coronet Theatre may not know it, but in the remarkable film now running, entitled "The Code of the Yukon," he is presenting to the thoughtful a political parable, a complete answer to Bolshevism, and a sketch of the history of the human animal so far as his gregariousness has tended to the evolution of society, of law, of government, and so on. The title suggests right away that circumstances alter codes. In the Yukon, the code is different from that prevailing in the longer settled East. As the scenes recede by last evening, with their gorgeous photography of wild scenery and wider men, we reflected that this was indeed an unconscious but convincing epitome of real human history. There was the strong man living alone, or with only a dog for company. Then comes another, a less worthy type, and we see compassion, hospitality, gregariousness, cupidity, and laziness appear in the story as weeds and plants appear in a garden. The community increases, and the dramatic interest widens and grows intricate. We see brute strength, cunning, superstition, morality, law, and other human traits revolving about material wealth and natural cravings. There is no need to stick to the story of the photo-play any further. It is a good one, very interesting, well worth seeing. Let us turn from the epitome to the things epitomized.

In the beginning human society must have been less complicated than it is now, and on a smaller scale. The picture drawn for us in "Atkinson's 'Primal Law,'" a book as vivid and wonderful as this picture, is probably as nearly true as any we will ever get. Cunning studied how to overcome strength in those days, we may be sure. As society extended, and concentrated its defensive powers against the external hostilities of nature and bettal, greater variety of human

types would appear—just as they did in this Yukon gold-field. Dominating men lived side by side with weaker characters, and inevitably became leaders. The struggle for power over fellow men began, and for this, as for the mere struggle to exist, and for all strong human desires, the different qualities eternally operating would in their turns be tried. Cunning, with its intrigues, its lies, its threats, its cajolments, and brute strength also, made masterful men multiply, even while its development habituated the ruck to submission to domination. The "divine right" of kings was true once, when kings were more strong to fight, more cunning to contrive, and when the mass of men were as thankful for leadership as now. There was indeed once a "ruling class," consisting of eligible but uncrowned king-men, any of whom, as in the game of draughts, might move forward eventually to be crowned.

The good old rule, the simple plan, that he should take who has the power, and he should keep who can. Then came another form of superior cunning, typified in this picture by the advent among these ruffians of a devoted priest. The moral idea began to influence masses of men; but it did not make supermen of them. It made politicians. Men are still men, and the esoteric code is still the same, though the strength is another form of strength, the cunning is another order of cunning, and the influential ideas of the mob are much more complicated. In monarchy or in republic, in Socialism or in Bolshevism, we still find the same diversity of men. We still find the dominating and the submissive, the cunning and the thoughtless. There will always be the lust for power, and the egotism which encourages it, no matter what the political system may be; and there will always be a ruling class, whether it be aristocracy or proletariat, intelligence or muscle. Idealism nowhere expels self-seeking. Not even religion, as we know it, can do that. While men live, they must desire: they must strive and suffer and enjoy; and in the large historical survey, it doesn't matter one jot or tittle whether they live under "The Code of the Yukon," the Code Napoleon, the Democratic Constitution, or the Code of Trotsky. The essential things remain unchanged. Philosophy and dispassionate consideration induces the conclusion that under any social system which is passably fair to the people as a whole, we should make the best of it and conserve it. But that is at once a dogma and a political creed, and there are forces in human nature much stronger than philosophy. The old instincts survive, and the diversity of human character persists. In the struggle for political power we find ourselves still up against "the good old rule, the simple plan," that those may take who have the power, and those may keep who can. If the present ruling class (whatever it be) can keep the power it has, well; if the proletariat has power to take it away, well also. There can be no finality, no upsetting of nature's long-established law. It is odd that a cinema picture should be needed to jolt one back to philosophy from the ordinary emotions of political partisanship; but when it succeeds in doing so, the moral should not be ignored. There is no society we know of, no system of government, but would consider its code superior to "The Code of the Yukon." Bolshevists all over the world are considering that they can conceive, or have conceived, of a code superior to all existing ones; but they delude themselves, and the truth is not them. The truth is that the lion and the lamb will never lie down together, and in the case of any social system the French saying applies—the more it changes, the more it is the same thing.

ADVERSARIA.

The Hongkong man will get of man, angry with the rich, who expects and asks ten cents for a five cent fare. He accuses his tailor of profiteering, and raves about increased rents. He cannot see why tobacco should be so infernally dear. His boy's request for a rise of wages appears to him unreasonable. He looks upon the extra charge for theatre tickets as an imposition. The high cost of living is what he calls a scandal. Yet he will go to a house with a big number, and pay five dollars for a drink he doesn't want, as cheerfully as anything.

A Shanghai contemporary names, any announces that North China brigands have now captured "an English missionary named Metbiff." He must be a relation of the well-known Scotchman named Macbiff, if not of the Irishman named Mukurjee, or that well-known Welshman von Schmidt.

From an article on PRINTERS' modern frocks and BARON? modern dancing was clip the following:

Mary had a little lamb. And it was white as snow. And everywhere that Mary went That lamb was sure to go.

No. You haven't seen any protest in this column about the alleged British subject who passed through here as a deportee from Australia, and you are not going to see anything. He was very well treated here, and had a first-class passage northwards. We are not in a position to deny that he is a British subject, but we prefer our fellow Britishers to speak without a foreign accent. Australia does not deport white men for nothing. There are many still there who should be sent away. When the "China Mail" does any "kicking," it has satisfactory grounds for doing so, and it kicks well.

It is a rash bet to wager EASY that a man in a billiard match will not get "half way" in a game of 750 w.p. A certain local sportsman now realizes this. It is understood that he has now decided to quit betting.

A well-known business man rather pompously claimed to have an "open mind" as regards a silly proposition toward which he happens to be inclined to be audaciously credulous. The Adversaria has permanently offended him by a piece of characteristic rudeness. "Yes," he said, "you have an open mind—open to criticism."

After all, the tailors are only getting a bit CLOTHES. For years wagging customers have been reminding them that it takes nine tailors to make a man, so it is no wonder they now charge nine times as much for a suit of clothes as it's worth.

What is the matter with this "BRITISHER" word? Let us confess a certain irritation with the fatheads who pose as lingual purists, with sadly insufficient qualifications. No living language can remain "pure," in the sense of retaining only such words as were recognized as orthodox at some previous stage in its evolution. Slang and newly coined words provide the "natural" accretions of growth, and in time become as "correct" and "pure" as the rest. Usage settles all. There is no logical objection to any handy group of letters that effectively serve as a symbol for a thought. To protest about "Frencher" and "Belgian" in the hope of ridiculing "Britisher" is absolute insanity. The plain and simple fact is that we need a word to cover "British subject," and the word "Briton" will not do, for a well-understood reason. It has a prior engagement. A "Brites" would do, if sufficient people could be induced to use it, but these things cannot be controlled. A large number of people have found "Britisher" convenient, large enough to establish it, and all the petty pedants in the Press cannot now stop it. There is no question even of "taste" involved. Some words have aesthetic value of tone or rhythm, but more have not, and these ignorami never object to ugly words like "scho," "bread," and "crane." Their objection to "Britisher" is in the first case affectation, and in the second a mere parroting of the original affectation. Big fish move in deep pools. Minnows play in the shallows. Anything more shallow than a journalistic protest against the word "Britisher" we cannot conceive.

One of our contributors to-day warns us of another possible rice crisis. It is understood, however, that there will be no necessity to curtail Mr. Severn's leave on that account.

American newspapers, AMERICAN once you get by the HUMOUR, headlines, and the "feature" stuff, are generally more readable than ours. Here are two examples of their humour. "The Toledo Blade" says: "In the event that Mr. Wilson is nominated for a third term the Topeka Journal has the slogan ready, as follows, to wit: 'He kept us out of sugar.' And the Dallas (Oregon) Telegram (quaint title) remarks: 'Assistant U.S. Attorney Figg says the price of clothing must come down. He might assist in bringing about that end by supplying leaves from his family tree.'

Addressing Parliament about IRELAND, Lloyd George said, among many other things: "I recall the time when, in 1882 I think it was, Lord Cavendish had been sent over to Ireland with a message of peace and reconciliation, came that terrible crime at the mere memory of which we still shudder." That was only rhetoric, and not even good rhetoric. We may be sure that when

Lloyd George shudders, it is at something fresher than vintage 1882.

The "International ABOUT U.S. Trade and Shipping Digest" for February refers to the "China Mail" as a "Conservative newspaper," quotes from one of our very shrewd and clever articles (on the Shantung question) and describes it as "a fair outlining of the case that should make for thought by the senatorial pundits who find their chief stock in trade for future political preference in the arousing of every latent racial prejudice."

There is no getting away from the fact that we are most certainly Borne Paper. Get in line, you fellows, and subscribe to the Man's Paper, for Men, by Men. What if you want to waste your time and your money and your brain for on the silly stuff?

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Today's dollar is worth 4s. 10½d.

The French steamer "Comman-dant Mages" (Capt. Guillard) which recently grounded at Hongkong Chow returned for repairs at 7 p.m. yesterday.

It is understood that the Han Yeh Ping company is about to establish its own bank, and that the first branch will be opened in the native city at Hankow.

The Canton Amateur Theatrical Society is presenting "Ann," a farcical comedy by Lechmere Worrall, at the Canton Club Theatre on Saturday, March 27, at 9.30 p.m.

Chinese tea merchants at Hankow are reported to have approached the Government for financial assistance to enable them to tide over present difficulties the beginning of the season.

"If you want three square meals a day and comfortable bed it night, do not travel in the East," says an American recently returned to San Francisco after wanderings on this side of the Pacific.

It is reported that some infantry and artillery drafts are leaving England for Hongkong and Singapore about the end of this month, and that the permanent increase of some of the overseas garrisons is being considered by the War Office.

When searched on the Hau Tuk wharf yesterday, a Chinese was found to have 150 rounds of ammunition tied round his legs. He was removed to the Central Station and this morning charged before Mr. Smith, and fined \$250. The ammunition was confiscated.

Pawnbrokers in the Hankow district have gone on strike against paper money. They have decided to take only silver when goods are redeemed, but this resolution cannot be put into effect until permission has been obtained from the Financial Department at Wuchang.

George Carter, who was found drunk and incapable in Wanchai last night, was removed to No. 2 Police Station where he was allowed out on Police bail of \$5. He failed to answer to his name when his case was called before Mr. Irving this morning, and his bail was forfeited.

A Peking report, said to be official in origin, alleges that several prominent Chinese now in Shanghai are displaying leanings towards Bolshevism. The report adds that Bolshevist representatives are at work here, and that a "Workmen's and Peasants' Union" has been established with headquarters in the French Concession.

The s.s. "Robin Gray," which the Admiral Line have chartered, arrived from Seattle on the morning of March 16. From Hongkong she loads a full cargo of rice for Cuban Ports. This steamer was built by the Skinner & Eddy Corporation, Seattle, for their Robin Line S. S. Co. At the present time they have four of these boats operating, and have four more on the ways, which are expected to be launched in the near future. This type of vessel is considered one of the best steel ships put out by any American shipyard.

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A Chinese, going on board the s.s. "Tientsin," yesterday, was stopped by the Police and searched, and 42 tablets of prepared non-Government opium were found hidden round his waist. He was this morning charged before Mr. Smith with the unlawful possession of the drug, and fined \$5,000 or 6 months' and the drug was confiscated.

Later Mr. Leo. d'Almada appeared before his Worship and said the defendant had managed to raise only \$1,000; and asked his Worship, in view of the fact that the defendant was not an habitual smuggler, to reduce the fine to \$1,000.

After some discussion, his Worship reduced the fine to \$2,000.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

The following has been handed to the "China Mail" for publication:—

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—Herewith please find enclosed copies of letters despatched on behalf of the Kowloon Residents' Association to the Government, the usual printed acknowledgment to each of which has been received.—Yours, etc.

W. JACKSON,
Hon. Secretary, Kowloon Residents' Association.

January 30, 1920.
Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

Sir,—I am directed by the Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association to invite the attention of the Government to the notices served by the landlords upon the tenants of Humphrey's Buildings, Knutsford Terrace and Empress Buildings, all properties situated in Kowloon, of their intention to increase the rent of these houses as from March 1.

This question was brought before my Committee by the tenants affected, with a request that the matter be brought to the notice of the Government.

In the case of the flats in Humphrey's Buildings, I am to point out that if the increased rents now demanded by the landlords are to be enforced, it will mean that during the course of a year the tenants will have had an addition to their monthly rent amounting to over 20 per cent., which they consider is without justification.

In presenting this appeal for the amelioration of an unwarrantable hardship now proposed to be inflicted upon a section of Kowloon residents which has patiently endured a constant increase in rent on the part of large and influential landlords, my Committee has been greatly encouraged by recalling the occasion when, in response to a similar petition for relief by the tenants of Barrow Terrace, Kowloon, the Government, in September, 1919, notified the petitioners that it had been able to make arrangements whereby the rentals complained of were appreciably reduced.

In conclusion, my Committee ventures to express the hope that, in examining the facts as herein presented, the Government will bestow upon the subject its most earnest consideration, and that the petitioning tenants on the present occasion will be awarded that relief which they so urgently need.

I have the honour to remain, Sir, Your obedient servant,
(Signed) W. JACKSON,
Hon. Secretary,
Kowloon Residents' Association.

February 17, 1920.
Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

Sir,—I am instructed by my Committee to invite the earnest attention of the Government to the urgent necessity that continues to exist for the establishment of a hospital in Kowloon.

The frequency of cases in which patients in extremis have had to undergo the painful discomforts which transportation across the harbour involves has caused my Committee to view with grave concern the absence of a hospital for Europeans on the peninsula.

I am further instructed to respectfully suggest to the Government that, pending the erection of a permanent hospital, to contain at least 12 beds, should be immediately erected, or, in the alternative, that suitable premises be requisitioned for and appointed as a temporary hospital for the reception of cases demanding immediate medical attention and experienced nursing.

I have the honour to remain, Sir, Your obedient servant,
(Signed) W. JACKSON,
Hon. Secretary,
Kowloon Residents' Association.

February 21, 1920.
Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

Sir,—I am directed by my Committee to state, on behalf of the members of the Kowloon Residents' Association, as follows:—

(1) What they welcome his Excellency the Governor's recent reference in the Legislative Council to the possibility of the creation of a Fair Rents Board.

(2) That it is their unanimous opinion that the present House Shortage in Kowloon, together with the persistent imposition of an increase in rentals, warrants the formation of such Board.

(3) That tenants affected who are members of the above-named Association beseech protection against the exploitation of an officially-recognized social need.

I have the honour to remain, Sir, Your obedient servant,
(Signed) W. JACKSON,
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March 4, 1920.

Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

Sir,—With reference to my letter of January 30, I am again directed by my Committee to respectfully invite the attention of the Government to the urgency of the question therein dealt with, and to point out that unless some relief is to be secured for the petitioning tenants the increases in rentals will apply as from the 1st inst.

My Committee also direct me to express the hope that the results of the Government's intervention may soon be made known.—I have the honour to remain, Sir, Your obedient servant.

(Signed) W. JACKSON,
Hon. Secretary,
Kowloon Residents' Association.

RICE.

PRICES ON THE RISE.

The question of the rice supply of the Colony is again to the fore. The position at present so far as the Hongkong rice market is concerned is that it is very excited and prices are daily going higher. It is thought the price will continue to rise throughout the month, with a still higher figure at the end of April, as there will not be the same quantity of rice coming from Saigon. Practically all the rice coming into the Colony at present comes from Saigon. Under normal conditions there are three main sources of supply—Saigon, Tonkin and Siam.

There is very little done here in Rangoon rice. With regard to Siam nothing has been coming here as far as the new crop is concerned. In fact the new crop is bad, 75 per cent. of it having failed. The result has been that the Siam Government has placed an embargo on the export of rice. Local dealers have had a large number of enquiries for Siam "usual" rice, but they have had to be turned down on account of there being no Siam "usual" obtainable. A little was exported some months ago, but that was old crop, and absolutely nothing of the new crop is being sent out.

The next source of supply was Tonkin. There also the crop was a failure, an embargo was put on export, to be lifted shortly afterwards and re-imposed on January 15. The position as far as Tonkin is concerned is that the export of brown rice is absolutely prohibited. There has always been a good demand for this quality from Canada. Tonkin has made this concession; they will allow a small quantity of rice to be exported, provided that the exporter obtains a permit.

In consequence the only other source of supply is Saigon. The dealers in Hongkong are overwhelmed with enquiries from the United States and Cuba for Saigon rice, the demand in fact being very much in excess of the supply. This will naturally give prices an upward tendency, while in addition the Saigon Government has increased the exportation tax.

This year has also seen the advent, possibly more than ever before, of representatives of American rice houses and in more than one instance they have established their own offices here in Hongkong. People have been speculating as to how far it is going to affect the rice business of the Colony, inasmuch as these men will in all probability buy direct. So far there does not seem much fear for the simple reason that local people have been selling rice to them. A number of these representatives have gone to Saigon with a view to making purchases. However, local dealers do not seem to be unduly worried. In the first place the Rice Association of California in San Francisco is closely allied by arrangement with the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce. This means that the buyers in San Francisco or Cuba are protected in their purchases. The whole question is whether the Saigon rice dealers would be prepared to give to the San Francisco and Cuba buyers the same degree of protection as that given by Hongkong sellers. The general opinion is that they would not. It is not likely that a man thousands of miles away will make purchases of rice running into six figures of gold dollars without some protection should the rice not be up to standard or in some way inferior. By getting their rice from Hongkong the buyers are protected right up to the hill and if anyone suffers it is the rice exporter here. It is no doubt a sound scheme to buy direct, as thus eliminated, but it is not likely to be of much practical use until Saigon sellers can offer the protection to the buyer Hongkong does at present.

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SHINZUI MARU	Friday, 2nd April.

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HAKODATE MARU	Sunday, 28th March.
RANGOON MARU	Friday, 2nd April.

JAPAN PORTS—Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.

KIKKO MARU	Tuesday, 23rd March, at 11 a.m.
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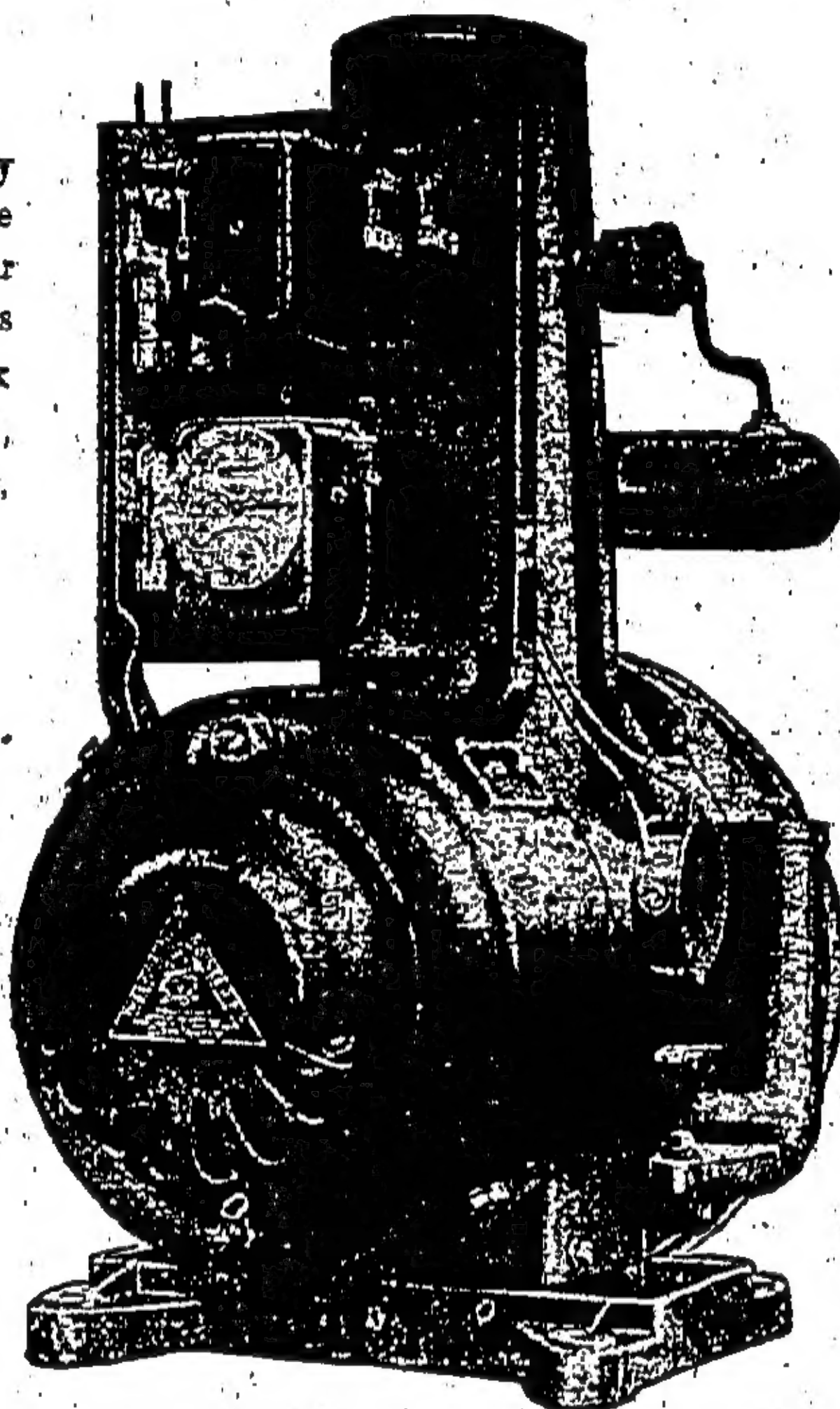
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San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan, &c.	Nankin	China Mail S.S. Co. Ltd.	On 2nd Mar.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan, &c.	China	China Mail S.S. Co. Ltd.	On 2nd Mar.
Seattle, Tacoma, Victoria & Vancouver.	Elkton	The Admiral Line	About 19th March.
Victoria B.C. & Seattle via Puget, &c.	Arabis Maru	Owata Shosen Kaisha	On 6th April.
Vancouver via Shanghai, Japan, &c.	Fushimi Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 17th Mar. at 11 a.m.
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Australian Ports via Manila.	Kango Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 24th Mar. at 11 a.m.
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Portland.	Locust	Butterfield & Swire or The Bank Line, Ltd.	On 30th April.
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Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.	Manoelito Castle	Doddrell & Co. Ltd.	At or about 19th March.
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Singapore, Penang & Belawan-Deli.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 18th March.
Keelung via Swatow and Amoy.	Yan China-Japan Lin.	Yan China-Japan Lin.	On 24th Mar.
Singapore, Amoy & Swatow.	Amakusa Maru	Owata Shosen Kaisha	On 31st March.
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Manila, Delagoa Bay, Durban.	Amakusa Maru	Owata Shosen Kaisha	On 31st March.
Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Port Said.	Shidzuo Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 18th Mar. at Noon.
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THE NEW MINISTER TO PEKING.

Mr. F. Bellby Alston, C.B., is now British Minister at Peking.

Mr. Bellby Alston was born in October, 1868, the second son of the late Sir Francis Alston, K.C.M.G., formerly of the Foreign Office. He was educated privately and abroad and at the age of 21 years passed a competitive examination of the Civil Service, upon which he was appointed a clerk in the Librarian's Department of the Foreign Office. That was in July, 1890, and less than six months later he was transferred to the Foreign Office proper where he remained until he was acting 3rd Secretary in the Diplomatic Service in May, 1895, holding that position until December of the same year. The next year saw his appointment to the important post of secretary to the British Plenipotentiaries to the Copyright Conference at Paris in 1896, and in October of that year he went out to Buenos Ayres as acting 2nd Secretary, and also for a short time Chargé d'Affaires. He remained there for about 13 months, following which he was appointed secretary to the British representatives at the Brussels Sugar Conference in 1898, a position which he again occupied during the conference of 1901-2. In the latter year he was attached to the Foreign Representative specially accredited on the occasion of the coronation of King Edward VII and received the Coronation Medal.

Promoted the following year to an assistant clerkship in 1903, in 1906, in conjunction with Sir Henry Austin Lee, he made a tour of the consular offices in France and within the next twelve months received promotion to a senior clerkship, a position in which he had been acting in the meantime.

From 1909 Mr. Alston came into closer contact with Chinese affairs with his appointment to be in attendance upon Prince Zai Sun on his visit to England with the Chinese Naval Mission during November and December of that year. He performed a similar function with regard to Prince Tsai Chen who visited England in 1911 as the Chinese representative at the Coronation of King George V in June, 1911 and was on this occasion also awarded the Coronation Medal. Two months later he was appointed an Acting-Counselor in the Diplomatic Service and from about October until December was in Siam as secretary to H.I.H. Prince Alexander of Teck's Mission attending the coronation of the King of Siam.

His first important work in connection with China was with regard to an inquiry into the leases in British Concessions in China and from January to July, 1912, was Acting Counselor at Peking. After visiting Japan he returned again to the Foreign Office and in June of the following year, 1913, he was created a Commander of the Order of the Bath. Just previous to that, however, he was again appointed Acting Counselor at Peking and from June 6 to November 24 of that year acted as Chargé d'Affaires. In 1916, June 17, he again took up

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GERMAN OVERTURES TO CHINA.

PEKING, March 16. Germany's unofficial representations for resumption of commercial relations which have been transmitted through Minister Yen, now at Copenhagen, have been under consideration of the Chinese Government which has now replied that, pending a final settlement between China and Germany regarding the signature of the Peace Treaty, there is no possibility of renewing commercial relations in the immediate future.

KING OF SIAM'S COMING VISIT TO PEKING.

It is announced that the King of Siam, who will shortly be visiting Japan in state, will visit Peking on his return journey. Yutah Hall at the Winter Palace is being prepared for his reception. This is the first Royal visit since China became a Republic.

BRIGANDAGE IN ANHUI.

The removal of troops from Anhui has exposed the province to wholesale brigandage. The condition of the province is deplorable. The Provincial Assembly appeals to the Central Government to send an army to rescue the sufferers from their acute distress.

WEAKENING HOLD OF ANFUITES.

The recalcitrant Anfu Ministers attended the Cabinet meeting to-day. Several notable defections from the Anfu Club are reported, consisting mainly of Chihli and Mukden members.

MARRIAGE OF YUAN SHIH-KAI'S SON.

Yuan Shih-kai's seventh son is to be married to-morrow.

JAPAN'S SILENT CRISIS.

No news has been received here of the reported disturbances in Japan, though the American wireless station is endeavouring to pick up some intelligence.

the post of Acting Counselor and from November of that year and for a period of practically twelve months he was again in charge at Peking during the absence of Sir John Jordan. Later he accompanied the High Commissioner into Siberia and upon his return was given the rank of a Minister Plenipotentiary to Japan, a position which he has occupied for about a year.

Mrs. Alston is at present staying in Shanghai. Mr. Alston is still in Japan and is expected in China early next month.

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THE H.K. AND S. BANK MEETING.

The N.C. Daily News of March 11 had the following editorial on our local meeting:

The annual meeting of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank is an event to which many besides the fortunate shareholders look with interest. The statement of accounts is a valuable index of the progress of British trade; while the chairman's speech never fails to contain some interesting comment on the affairs of the Far East. As regards the former, the Bank deserves hearty congratulation on its year's working. Notwithstanding the many difficulties and perplexities under which business has had to be conducted, the disarray of foreign exchanges, the amazing fluctuation of rates, cable delays and political confusion—all calling for the greatest watchfulness and offering a good reward to the successful, threatening the least error with dire consequences—the total return to shareholders, amounting to £968,000 or £5 18/- per share in 1919. The silver reserve fund now stands at \$23,000,000 the sterling at £1,500,000; but it is proposed to transfer enough from the silver reserve to bring the sterling up to £2,500,000, keeping this additional amount liquid for the purpose of financing trade. With the other assets shown, and with the ruthless writing down of all securities and premises, this is a fine showing, which may be commended to the notice of financial papers at home. In this connection an innovation in the balance sheet may be noted; all items are shown with their sterling equivalents at the current rate. This is not only useful to shareholders but should lead to a juster impression at home, where Hongkong dollar accounts are, perhaps, imperfectly understood, of the Bank's increasing importance, and of the success which has been won by a purely local British venture, locally controlled by men who understand local conditions.

The Chairman's survey of the recent disturbance of all exchanges and the abnormal rise in silver since the removal of Government control last May is too long to be quoted here, but the general features are familiar to all business readers. Two figures only might be mentioned. The controlled price of silver in May was 45½d. per ounce; in December it had soared, uncontrolled, to 78½d. Even greater heights, as our readers know, have since been scaled and until sterling recovers its value on some more solid ground than the rumours of shipments of British gold to New York, which appear to account for the recent fall in T.T., no great decline in silver is, we believe, to be expected. Notwithstanding high exchange, China's export trade, the Chairman notes, was brisk, there being a keen demand for her silk, oil, seeds, wool, hides and so forth. The Maritime Customs collection was the highest on record. So all the while the revenue from the one surplus of T.S. 22,600,000 was handed over to the free disposal of the Chinese Government, from the other about \$53,000,000, after the satisfaction of all foreign loan charges. Considering the high level of exchange, one cannot but reflect mournfully on what a sound Government in Peking might have done by now towards restoring China's financial independence. But, says the Chairman,

All these immense sums, aggregating at present rates of exchange a total of considerably more than £25,000,000 (the amount of the Reorganization Loan of 1913) and so sorely needed for the work of reconstruction and reform, have been poured out like water upon sand, in meeting so far as may be the demands of an army over which the Central Government has ceased to have control, and of an administrative machinery exploited by political factions; demands which have no finality, and which the resources of the Government, even under the peculiarly favourable conditions resulting from high exchange and improved collection, are quite inadequate to satisfy in full.

These facts deserve to be emphasized, because there has been too great a disposition among Chinese Customs and all the Salt revenue, go to liquidating foreign claims and that the foreign control of these institutions is maintained solely in foreign interests. The actual fact, of course, is that they have proved the one foundation of Chinese finance, and what they would have been without foreign control may faintly be gauged by reference to the state of the Gabelle before 1913, which, according to the most roseate estimates, did not return more than T.S. 25,000,000 annually. Of these facts, however, we believe that well-instructed Chinese opinion takes a juster view now than formerly. One

CONGESTION AT SOUTHAMPTON.

FOOD ROTTING IN THE DOCK.

Though Southampton docks amply demonstrated what they could do during the war, peace time is making it painfully apparent that the facilities for promptly dealing with overseas cargoes are quite inadequate. Now that with the removal of the last vestige of military control ships are once again flocking to the port from all parts of the globe, Southampton is becoming as congested as any other port. Ships are constantly arriving here from all over the world, laden with food, wool and other precious freight, to find that they have to land their cargoes, only to leave them rotting in the sheds to be seen on every return journey, or they have to turn round and seek another port. An example of this is to be found in the case of the White Star liner "Adriatic." When this vessel arrived from New York about a week ago she included in her cargo many tons of sugar. The sugar was duly landed and stocked in the sheds adjacent to the White Star quays, and there it remains still. Though all the other shipping companies have the same tale to tell the White Star Line have been particularly unfortunate in this respect, as the cases of the "Suevic" and the "Runic" show. Both these ships came laden with food and wool from Australia, but owing to the state of things prevailing in the docks, each had to forsake Southampton in favour of a less congested port. With regard to tobacco, the regulations of the Government relative to coastwise shipping seem to be hanging up cargoes locally. These regulations are to the effect that certain goods must travel by coasting steamer and not by rail, but as the coast lines are almost as bad a plight as the railways this does not help much. At the present moment there is a large quantity of tobacco in the docks awaiting shipment to Bristol. The coasting steamers cannot take it yet, and the Government will not allow it to go by rail, and so there it lies on the quays. All the bonded warehouses in the docks are full, so the stuff cannot be put in bond and stored, and, as things are at present, it must remain on the quays and rot. The opinion of one shipping expert is that the difficulty will never be solved until stricter rules regarding the clearing of goods from quayside sheds in this country are enforced. At the present time, it is understood, consignees are given fourteen days' grace in which to get their goods out of the docks; after which they have to pay a penalty in the form of rent. Whatever the course, however, the fact remains that what are wanted are more docks, more warehouses, more trucks, and more work.

notes with pleasure the Chairman's congratulatory reference to "the growing political consciousness of the great middle classes of China, upon whose practical common sense and moderation I believe the country may rely in the end to bring unity and order out of the present chaos." We all have to revise our ideas of the so-called student, really middle class, movement in China nowadays. The great problem is, how to convert this "growing political consciousness" into a driving force which the militarists of China will not be able to disregard. That is certainly not to be done by continued acceptance of the lying pretence (indignantly propagated by Peking) of disagreement between "North" and "South" nor by promoting "faked" conferences in Shanghai, merely designed to rivet the Tsuchun's power on this unhappy country. An indication of the only way to the appeasement of China's troubles is given in the following sentence:

It is sincerely to be hoped that the widening of her political outlook, which must ensue to Japan through her membership in the League of Nations and her association with the Great Powers in the work of world reconstruction, will cause her to modify her attitude. To put the matter bluntly, when the militarists in Japan are induced to cease from their malign support of the militarists in China, as they might be by determination on the part of the other great Powers—then and then automatically the present corrupt and tyrannous administration in China will vanish like an evil vapour and the "practical common sense and moderation" of the Chinese people will be able to assert themselves.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

NARY ESTIMATES.

London, March 16th. In an explanatory memorandum to the Navy Estimates, Mr. Walter Long shows that, after deducting £19,000,000 non-recurrent war liabilities and £40,000,000 recurrent expenditure due to war conditions—such as increases in prices and wages, and pensions—there remains the normal expenditure on the basis of pre-war rates and prices totalling £37,000,000 as compared with £35,000,000 in 1914-1915. The memorandum says that in view of the efforts made in war-time it is possible temporarily to suspend production and reduce the cost to the minimum requirements in both personnel and material.

The naval memorandum contends that, far from the capital ship being doomed either on account of submarines or aircraft, the war has shown that the battleship must still remain the chief unit of a fleet, though advances in science will inevitably necessitate eventual changes in type. Thus, it is even possible that the present battleship may change to a semi-submersible type, or even a flying type, but the immediate abandonment of the capital ship in favour of a visionary scheme of aircraft and submarines would leave the British nation destitute of sea power and without the means of progressive training.

COUP D'ETAT IN GERMANY.

London, March 16th. It is reported that the dramatic breakdown of the Kapp regime has unquestionably surprised and puzzled diplomatic circles, although one of the probable reasons is the fact that the coup d'etat was inopportune for a head at an inopportune moment for the revolutionaries by the discovery of the plot, and the prime movers decided that the time was not ripe to disclose their hand, for, undoubtedly, Kapp and Luttwitz are more figure-heads. The agreement in the nature of a compromise. Doubtless this was inevitable owing to the general sympathy of the partisans on both sides and the growing fear of civil war. A number of Kapp's terms, however, included an agreement for, apparently, a Government of experts which means a Government of bureaucrats, and the election of the President by a plebiscite. This is interpreted as favouring the election of a popular military general or a dynast. On the other hand, the most striking innovation is the establishment inside the Reichstag of a second Chamber of an almost exclusively economic and industrial character, in which Labour sits side by side with Capital.

Meanwhile, unrelaxed vigilance and military preparedness is the keynote of the Allied policy, as events have emphasized the instability of any regime as present in Germany and the fact that their late enemies have not yet learned the lessons of their defeat.

PLAQUE CASES ON JAPANESE SHIP.

London, March 16th. The Health Ministry announces that a case of plague was found on the *Alps Maru* in the Port of London on February 19th followed by another which proved fatal last week.

The cargo for London was discharged on lighters and barges under necessary precautions. The ship was disinfected as far as possible. The *Alps Maru* left London on March 6th.

OBITUARY.

London, March 16th. The death is announced of Brigadier-General Francis James Anderson, O.B., Chairman, Army Sanitary Committee and attached General Staff, sometime Colonial Engineer, Straits Settlements.

"LITTLE MACAO" SURPASSES MACAO AS A GAMBLING RESORT.

Gambling is in full swing in the suburb of Nam-on, on the north of Sai-wan which has been nicknamed the "Little Macao." In point of vices Nam-on and Macao are said to be twin-brothers.

The following names indicate the kinds of gambling, and the figures indicate the number of dens devoted to each kind of gambling. Tszefa, 3, chiefly patronised by women; san-downs, and roulette, 100, well-being; 20, tantan, for women only; 3, poker; 6, aupal samquan, and other spinning gimbies, numerous.

This place is frequented by men and women, young and old. And if there is a place where unity of thought can be found it is Nam-on, where every one thinks of winning. There are also brothels for women to trade their honour for money when they have lost their fortunes in gambling. All gambling dens have well paid women ushers to welcome their clients, and touts to watch for the coming of the police or soldiers. The watchword is "dog fight," on hearing which all will scatter before the coming of the police officers. There are also twenty opium dens, which are said to be doing remarkable business and reaping handsome profits.—*Canton Times*.

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BRITISH INTERESTS IN CHINA.

INTERVIEW WITH PROFESSOR MIDDLETON SMITH.

A representative of the China Mail has secured an interesting interview with Professor C. A. Middleton Smith, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering of the Hongkong University, who has just returned to the Colony from leave. Professor Middleton Smith said: I arrived in England on the last day of May and immediately had an uncomfortable experience of the difficulty of finding hotel accommodation in London for the first night as it was impossible to travel elsewhere. The difficulty of securing accommodation was not exaggerated by local friends who had returned and it is a most serious matter for people with families. The most noticeable change in London was the employment of women as bus-conductors, taxi-drivers, ticket collectors, lift girls, etc., but to some extent these have disappeared. On this subject the managing director of a works in Edinburgh said that the men would not work with the women in the shops now that the necessity was over, and on this question of the employment of women in industry a great deal might be said, as it is one of the problems to be faced.

Asked as to his general impression of London, Professor Smith replied: The first thing that struck me was the amount of money in evidence. Of course it was all paper money but there really was a spend-thrift atmosphere. Places of amusement were booked up weeks ahead, hotel accommodation was almost impossible and the restaurants, especially in Piccadilly, contained clients waiting for tables at lunch and dinner. Most in evidence were young men, obviously officers with gratuities.

Another thing that struck me very much within the first few days was the change in the national attitude towards trade and industry. It is no longer "bad form" to think about these things except among very ignorant and snobbish people. Its importance from the national point of view is thoroughly understood.

And what is the general attitude towards China? asked the interviewer. Everyone seemed to be interested in China although the ignorance about conditions over here is very great. As soon as my friends knew of my return I was invited to address committees of trade organisations and to see the executive officers of new creations such as the Federation of British Industries. The China Society and the Royal Colonial Institute invited me to give lectures and the good attentions showed the interest taken in Far Eastern affairs. I thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Morse's paper at the Society of Arts, in the discussion on which I was privileged to take part. I met the Chinese peace delegates and various Britons who had been attending the Peace Conference, all of whom were most favourably impressed by the Chinese delegation. I had a long conversation with the then Sir George (since Lord Riddell) who was present with the Big Three in Paris and he explained that President Wilson's illness was largely due to the bad ventilation of the room in which the Big Three sat. Lord Riddell controls many newspapers and is the chief spirit of George Newman, Ltd. On both occasions when we discussed Far Eastern affairs he seemed to think it a great pity that the British public did not know more about China. Lord Burnham, who has travelled in the Far East, invited me to address a number of people who have some influence on public opinion and we had a very interesting discussion of a more or less public nature. I was also fortunate in having a lengthy conversation with Colonel Amery, who is acting as Secretary of State for the Colonies, and he appeared to be as interested as the engineer managing director in the problems of the development of China.

I think the most convincing speaker that I listened to was Sir George Ellis, who is, of course, well known in this part of the world, and who would easily hold his own in the House of Commons. Of course, he did not agree with some of my remarks before the China Society, but I think when I have been here a good many more years I may find myself rather more conservative also.

In your own profession great strides have been made at home, I suppose you must have found much to interest you.

"Yes," said the Professor. "I enjoyed more than anything else a

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The Chinese woman who some time ago charged her husband and a concubine with assault, and received \$25 as compensation, and two days ago summoned the husband for maintenance, was again before Mr. N. L. Smith this morning.

Mr. A. E. Hall appeared for the husband, who is at present in the country. He said he had been instructed by his client to say that he was prepared to give his wife \$8 per month.

The woman said in view of the present high cost of living, that was not enough.

Mr. Hall said his client was only earning \$16 per month, and he thought that it was very fair of him to give her half of what he earned.

His Worship thought so too, and despite the woman's protest that the money was insufficient, made an order for \$8 per month, saying that was the best it was in his power to do for her.

tour through the workshops of Great Britain which took place just after the maulers' strike had been in operation for a few weeks. At the suggestion of one of the firms I jotted down my impressions of the effects of the strike and the very enterprising *Daily Mail* took the matter up with its usual vehemence, although I was drawn into it very unexpectedly. Every day gave me some insight into local conditions and that is the very big problem before Great Britain at present. There is no doubt that the country is sound at heart and the people will adjust themselves to the new conditions. Men like Mr. George Barnes are a most valuable asset and although I think it unlikely that there will be a Labour Government as many people suggest, there can be no doubt that representatives of labour now have very great influence in Government circles and that influence will increase. The new workshops are organised for mass production. That is the lesson of the war. They discovered that you can turn out a hundred shells at say 12s. each, but you can turn out a thousand shells at 3s. each. Quantity production is the order of the day and fortunately the old reputation for quality still holds good.

Amalgamations of enormous interests have taken place not only in the banking world but in the engineering world. For example the English Electric Company has been formed to consolidate under one direction and management the various interests of the following companies, the Coventry Ordnance Works, Ltd., the Dick Kerr Co., Ltd., the Phoenix Dynamo Manufacturing Co., Ltd., the United Electric Car Co., Ltd., Wells and Robinson, Ltd., and Siemens's Dynamo Works Stafford, Ltd. The capital of this new concern is about £6,000,000 and one of its workshops measures 590 feet in length. It is difficult to realise what this means, but it is roughly ten times the length of the great hall of the University.

Professor Smith was next asked about a book he has written, saying: About three years' before going on leave I collected such information and impressions as possible and took the M.S. home with me and Messrs. Constable have the book in the press. It is entitled "The British in China" and deals to some extent with the work that has already been accomplished in this part of the world by the British and contains some suggestions about the future development of the natural resources of China. Publishers, like householders, seem to have their troubles in England and I was disappointed at having to leave the correction of proofs, etc., in other hands than my own because of unfortunate delays.

It is good to go "home" to see the changed conditions but you must not expect to be too comfortable. Of course, it is also good to get back to the Colony, although it is difficult to secure a passage. It is also very fine to discover after two or three days that everyone seems to be flourishing and that despite the usual critical suggestions there is evidence of plenty of local enterprise.

But what about your work in connection with the University? was asked.

Professor Smith replied: In connection with the University most of my time was occupied in securing candidates for the new appointments, although, of course, there is a London committee of which Sir Charles Eliot is chairman, which recommends candidates for appointment. On all occasions when I have interviewed trade organisations with regard to the employment of our graduates there have been free discussions and invariably they have raised the question of the boxer indemnity. These organisations of course took the matter up on their own initiative as I had not been requested by the University authorities to do anything in this matter, but I know there is a very strong feeling in the minds of British manufacturers that this money should be employed for educational purposes in China. In a way I had to report progress to many firms who have presented apparatus, and trade organisations particularly were surprised to hear of the high standard of degrees maintained by the University.

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HARBOURING?

At the Magistracy this morning, a Chinese woman and her son were charged before Mr. Smith with unlawfully harbouring a 19-year-old unmarried girl without the consent of her parents. They denied the charge.

The Police said the girl's father reported her missing at Central Station at 2 p.m., on March 2. He then communicated to the Police his suspicion that she had been kidnapped by the defendants and taken to the country.

Mr. A. E. Hall who appeared to watch the proceedings in the interest of the girl's parents, said the defendants kept the girl in their house for one night and sent her to the country on the following day.

His Worship: Are the defendants and the complainant connected in any way?

Mr. Hall: No, except that the defendants were boarding with the complainant at one time.

His Worship: Is the girl here?

Mr. Hall: No, she is still in the country. We have so far been unable to find her.

But her parents and a friend of the family are here, and I propose to call them to give evidence to the effect that the first defendant had told the missing girl's mother that she was in a certain house in the country. Of course, said counsel, if that is true, then the case against the first defendant is proved on her own statement. She also told certain witnesses for the prosecution, that the second defendant had pawned some clothing to buy the girl's passage to the country. Counsel said this evidence was important, as it proved that the second defendant had something to do with the affair.

As soon as the girl's mother heard this, said Counsel, she, the father and some friends went to the country, but could not find her. There they met an uncle of the second defendant, who admitted that the girl was in the country, but said she had gone to see the second defendant's maternal grandmother. He (the uncle) promised to take the girl back to Hongkong in a couple of days' time. That promise, was of course never kept, and the girl is still in the country.

Proceeding, Counsel said the parents came back to Hongkong and reported the matter to the S.C.A. who sent a messenger with the girl's father to the country to look for her. Although, on the strength of a letter from the S.C.A., they were given every assistance by the Chinese authorities, they failed to locate her.

The girl's father was then called and gave evidence bearing out what Mr. Hall had said. He further deposed that his daughter was engaged to a man named Tam and was to have married him some two weeks ago, but a few days before the wedding ceremony was to have taken place on February 22 she went out and did not

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

RESULTS TO DATE.

For the last couple of evenings good numbers have collected at the cricket ground to watch play in the H.K.C.C. tennis tournament. It is not often that such interest is shown at the commencement of the tournament, so it may be taken as a good augury for its final success.

The results to date are, Championship Doubles—Wong Fo Keung and Wong Po Ki beat J. Kawaguchi and Sakuma, 6-2, 6-2.

6-3, S. Rumjahn and O. Rumjahn beat A. Burnie and D. Blenkiron, 6-3, 2-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Mixed Handicap Doubles—C. C. Hickling and Mrs. Hickling (rec. 4/6) beat G. W. Sewell and Mrs. Bernard Brown (rec. 3/6), 6-2, 6-4.

Handicap Single—E. R. D. Cromartie (wines 2/6) beat C. B. Brown (scr.) 6-3, 6-2.

LOCAL SCHOOL BOXING.

We are informed by Mr. G. Franklin Nightingale, Head Master of the Kowloon British School, that some 30 of his pupils will take part in a Boxing Tournament at the School (Nathan Road) on Saturday next, at 5.45 p.m.

The weights for this meeting have been arranged as follows—Fly, under 60 lbs.; Bantam, 70 lbs.; Feather, under 80 lbs.; Light, under 90 lbs.; Welter, and 100 lbs.; Middle, under 115 lbs.; Light-Heavy, under 130 lbs.; and Heavy, over 130 lbs.

It is expected that His Excellency the Governor will attend. We understand that His Excellency, when in Ceylon, took great interest in School Boxing, and that he was mainly responsible for the formation and success of the Ceylon Schools Boxing Association.

The Hongkong Boxing Association have promised to present small trophies for the winners of the different classes.

not return. He searched everywhere for her, and then when he heard the defendants had sent her to the country, he informed the Police and later the S.C.A. and the Po Leung Kok.

By His Worship. He had had no quarrel with his daughter, and knew of no reason why she should run away from home. He was convinced she was kidnapped by the defendants.

His Worship: Would you be surprised if you learned that she left home of her own accord? That I cannot say, she might have had some personal reasons for doing so. I am not able to read her mind and cannot say why she should run away. If she did in fact do so of her own accord, answering another question, the witness said his daughter was not of an independent nature. She was a very good girl and very obedient. The case is proceeding as we go

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